# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Company C of the 153rd and 137th Engineer Battalion located in Parkston, South Dakota, since October 30, 1956, has been dedicated to the service of the community, state and nation for the last 50 years; and,

***Whereas***, The Parkston Unit was originally organized as Company C 137th Engineer Battalion on October 30, 1956, re-designated as Company C(-) 153rd Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Army) on January 4, 1968, and re-designated to Company C (-) 153rd Engineer Battalion (Corps)(Mech) on January 10, 1994; and,

***Whereas***, Over the past 50 years, the unit has received numerous awards, including Community Service Awards, 100% Strength Awards, Weapons Qualification Awards, Superior Unit Awards, the Eisenhower Trophy in 1982 and 1990 and the prestigious Itschner Award in 1982; and,

***Whereas***, Company C 153rd Engineer Battalion (C)(Mech) has benefited the local and surrounding communities by assisting with floods, tornadoes, blizzards and numerous other community projects, and have also benefited other countries by participating in building projects in Panama and Germany; and,

***Whereas***, Company C 153rd Engineer Battalion (C)(Mech) was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on December 7, 2003, through March 1, 2005. In support of this operation, Company C 153rd Engineer Battalion (C)(Mech) provided a variety of different missions, including movement of equipment, engineer development, force protection and route clearance; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Company C 153rd and 137th Engineer Battalion for 50 years of dedicated and outstanding service which reflect the proud heritage of individual and patriotic accomplishments that are so much a way of life in the great state of South Dakota:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2006, as

## *COMPANY C OF THE 153rd AND 137th ENGINEER BATTALION DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State